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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. EE has shown LAS a collection of comments from four EE bases on the [redacted] report. EE emphasizes that the official [redacted] position to be sent to HQ may or may not accord with these views. General essence, with minor variation, of the comments is that: (a) the [redacted] conclusions are sound, (b) it is either premature, or unnecessary now to establish a school in Germany, and (c) the [redacted] proposal to extend by ten (10) weeks the already highly effective twenty (20) week course should be followed. 25X1A9a

2. [redacted] spent one day at [redacted] generally organizing furnishings and equipment for more efficient use. The advent of a day-maid has permitted much improvement in the exercise by removing such housekeeping distractions as are not regarded as beneficial to the activity. Group preparation and serving of meals continue to be recognized activities of the exercise. 25X1A6a

3. With tentative indications of a possible "crash" requirement for intensive Portuguese, we are looking over possible sources of capability to meet this unanticipated need if it materializes.

4. A permanent display of about seventy-five (75) flags of foreign nations now is in the Laboratory in I Building and a similar display is being arranged in Quarters Eye. This display was developed because of reports that many O/S personnel cannot identify installations and vehicles of other nations flying their flags and consequently cannot identify the subject of some reports. About twenty (20) more flags are to be added. 25X1A9a

5. [redacted] left on Monday for [redacted] He expected to be back about 15 October. 25X1A9a

6. [redacted] participated in a discussion conducted by [redacted] with Colonel Frazier and Mr. Nelson of MAG on a training program on the Middle East that Frazier and Nelson are endeavoring to develop for MAG personnel, especially field grade officers. 25X1A6a

7. We are endeavoring to develop opportunities for unscheduled and un-anticipated training in Bulgarian, Malay, Czech and Portuguese, none of which is available in suitable local government or private schools.

8. We have provided limited assistance to one person desiring information on the program for study of Communism [REDACTED]

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9. A general medical kit prepared by the Medical Staff [REDACTED] has been assembled and should be delivered this week.

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10. We have just completed a special arrangement with the FSI to provide a three-hour-a-day course in Malay for two "crash" requirements from FE.

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11. [REDACTED] a staff employee of FE, has generously agreed to assist [REDACTED] with special drill work to supplement his study in Portuguese 101.

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12. The Language Advisory Committee met on 11 and 18 September. Among the subjects discussed were: (a) performance reporting procedures on students in non-duty-hours courses; and (b) the Vital Materials Program.

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13. [REDACTED] has enrolled in the "German Civilization" course given in German at [REDACTED]. This course should increase his speaking facility with the types of vocabulary to be emphasized in our new Integrated Language/Area Study-Germany.

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14. [REDACTED] has reported to the Army Pictorial Center, NYC, for 3 days' duty on the prospective SIS film "Free Europe." This tour should complete his part in the task until a final check of art work and footage selections is made in about 60 days.

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15. A regular meeting of the Area Advisory Committee was held 11 September. Significant recommendations were that [REDACTED] should discuss with [REDACTED] (a) elaboration of the Registrar's letters to other agencies on students' completion of courses, to provide information which would have more meaning in personnel files; (b) adoption of a procedure to permit LAS to continue tailoring course titles to publicity requirements, yet coding these suitably to the IBM area listings. Both problems have since been worked out satisfactorily to all concerned.

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16. [REDACTED] called on [REDACTED] who has just replaced [REDACTED] as C/EE. Principal objective was to point out the unusual variety of LAS courses which service EE/ [REDACTED]

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17. Four students began the Russian Basic RSW (FT) course on 16 September.

18. Three students began the Chinese Newspaper Reading course on 16 September.

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19. The Integrated Language/Area Study-China course began on 16 September with eighteen students enrolled to take the course.

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20. [REDACTED] met with Mr. [REDACTED] (FE/[REDACTED]) on Tuesday to discuss the results of [REDACTED] recent trip with respect to their training aspects. [REDACTED] also met with members of the Branch on Thursday to discuss and plan for the reception of a group of [REDACTED] politicians who expect to visit Washington next month.

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21. The regular Indonesian and Romanian tests were given on 12 September. The Indonesian test was given to 3 people; the Romanian test was given to 2 people, with Mrs. [REDACTED] serving on the oral panel.

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22. The French test was given by special request to 1 person on 12 September.

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23. [REDACTED] attended the meeting of the Language Development Committee on 11 September.

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